



The Sunbeam February 2017

Lansing United Methodist Church

Worship 9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM

PLEASE JOIN US!

Pastor: Alison Schmied

Christian Education Coordinator: Kevin Klippel

Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner



Sweetheart Dinner

\$5 per person
\$25 for family of 5+



Saturday
February
11

5:00 to 7:30
Proceeds benefit:

Lansing Youth Mission

All Saints Parish Center
347 Ridge Road, Lansing
(parking in rear)

Lansing Youth Mission
Teens from our community who are making a difference.

Transitions

We at Lansing United Methodist Church are in the middle of many transitions! Exciting milestones in our LUMC Forward Building Project include:

- January 29, at 10:15 a.m., we held a Church Conference to vote final approval of project plans, cost estimate, and funding plan (join us if you are reading this before that time); and
- February 5, 9:00 a.m., Worship Celebration, including Blessing of the Shovels, Commissioning of 2017 Confirmation Class, and guest preacher Rev. Bill Gottschalk-Fielding.

In the middle of this construction project, children are growing up, adults are growing older, and all of us growing in our need for grace as we respond to new situations.

Change is inevitable. How we deal with transitions in our lives is a spiritual issue: do we respond with fear or with faith?

Part of being the church is helping people through life's transitions. We grow in grace as we learn to walk with one another through both celebratory and difficult times.

The church offers rituals to mark some transitions. For example, each Sunday we give thanks for God's gift of the week that is past, and accept the gift of a new week in which to live.

Recognizing that change is happening brings tremendous potential for revitalization and new life. The spiritual issue is how we choose to respond to these opportunities.

Church members support one another through transitions with prayers, community, and the wisdom of our Christian scriptures, tradition, reason, and lived experience. We gather together to find God's comfort, healing, and direction as individuals and as a community, experiencing God's promise to be with us wherever two or more gather in Jesus' name.

I invite you to hear the counsel of Esther's uncle Mordecai as part of a spiritual mentor's invitation to you: "Who knows? Maybe it was for a moment like this that you came to be part of the royal family" (Esther 4:14b).

—*Blessings, Pastor Alison*

Living Discipleship—A Lenten Study Course

Am I a disciple? What does that mean? This course will address these questions and give you an opportunity to examine your life and priorities. We will explore a wide variety of disciplines or practices which can support your Christian life. Whether you are new to the concept of discipleship or have been on the Path for many years, this course will provide an opportunity for you to try out new practices and to develop or re-examine your own personal Rule of Life. The purpose of your rule is to guide and sustain you on your path with Jesus.

Join us in the double classroom. We will meet for seven classes from the last Sunday of Epiphany, February 26, through Palm Sunday, April 9. The book *Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life*, by Rowan Williams, will be made available and is highly recommended but not required. The course will be led by the Rev. Daisy Kirkpatrick, who is an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church and holds a Master of Divinity from Bexley Hall Seminary. For more information call Daisy at 607-733-7143, revdaisy2@icloud.com, or Karen Veaner at 607-592-1386, AdultMinistries@LansingUnited.org.

Sweetheart Dinner to Support Lansing Youth Mission


Saturday, February 11, 5:00–7:30 p.m., at All Saints Parish Hall

The Youth Mission Sweetheart dinner has returned, just in time for Valentines Day. Enjoy dinner with your favorite person or people and support Youth Mission all at once.

Tickets are \$5 per person or \$25 for a family of five or more. The Youth Mission team will convert All Saints' Parish Center into a warm, friendly pasta restaurant. Please plan to attend. This will be Youth Mission's final fundraiser before sending the first of two work teams to San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala, from February 17 to 24. The other team will go April 12 to 21.

Thank you from Youth Mission

Lansing Youth Mission would like to thank everyone who bought the smoked pork loins on Christmas Eve. We sold 300 pounds of pork! Much more than any of us could have imagined. We also had 20 pork loins donated to the King Ferry food pantry to distribute to needy families. After taking care of expenses, we netted \$816.55 to help with our trips to Guatemala this spring. We couldn't have done it without Dave Hatfield's assistance. Dave gave up several hours of his Christmas Eve day to smoke the pork (starting at 5:30 a.m.!) and help distribute it.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>February 2017</i>	 <i>Lansing United Methodist Church</i>		1 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00	2	3 Junior High Youth 6:00 Senior High Youth at Robin's Nest 6:00	4 Men's Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry/ Caregivers 10:00
5 Worship 9:00 Led by Pastor Bill Gottschalk-Fielding Sunday School 10:30 Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30 Food for Thought Bible Study 12:00 Confirmation 4:00 K.A.N. 5:30	6 Pancakes and Prayer 7:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Communion at Woodsedge 11:00 Bible Study at LUMC 12:00 Wingmen 7:00	7 Needleworkers Group 10:00 Ladies in Faith Together 6:30 Crossroads	8 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00	9	10 Junior High Youth 6:00 Senior High Youth at Robin's Nest 6:00	11 Mens' Breakfast 7:00 Safe Sanctuaries Training 9:00 and 1:00 Youth Mission Sweetheart Dinner at All Saints 5:00
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Thanks from the Sacketts

Dear LUMC Family,

We wanted to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making last week so special, with Annabelle's baptism on January 15. We will forever cherish the beautiful blanket, Bible, journal with sweet notes, and memories of such an important day in Annabelle's life. It means a lot to feel so welcomed by the entire church community.

We look forward to watching Annabelle's faith grow and all the fun she is bound to have at church.

Sincerely,

Kevin, Stephanie, and Annabelle Sackett

GoFundMe for Justin

Many of you have heard about the sad accident that injured Justin Benson, in Virginia. Unfortunately, an elderly man drove into Justin's motorcycle on December 28.

Here is a note from his parents, Chuck and Andra:

We are grateful to God that Justin was not killed, but he did have his left leg amputated after 7 surgeries. I went to Virginia Beach to be with him but we hope to bring him home to Lansing.

Our family decided to start a Gofundme campaign, since we need to make extensive renovations to the bathroom in the house on Lansingville Rd where he will be living.

Please continue praying for his recovery and share the link above with anyone who may be able to help. Thank you very much.

<https://www.gofundme.com/police-officer-justin-jj-benson>

Andra and Chuck

Safe Sanctuaries Training Opportunity at LUMC

Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 1

This training is required for all LUMC members with responsibility for the safety of children, youth, and vulnerable adults in the churches' ministries.

This is essentially everyone, so please plan to attend if you did not participate in the Spring 2016 training or if you wish to refresh your training status. Class size is limited to 40 participants. An afternoon session will be available to those who wish to become Safe Sanctuaries trainers.

Pre-register: Before February 1. Contact Pastor Alison Schmied at Alison.Schmied@gmail.com to register, or sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Brought to you by: Upper New York Annual Conference Safe Sanctuaries training team. There is no charge as Ministry Shares benevolences from local churches cover the expenses.

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission

Supported by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the Volunteers in Mission are active at many disaster sites across the country and around the world.

LUMC's Adult Mission team plans a VIM trip to South Carolina in May to help with recovery after floods that damaged a wide area in October 2015. That seems like a long time ago, but recovery work takes a long time, first to clean up the mess and then to help people rebuild. The 2015 flood was labeled a 1,000-year flood, and it occurred just two years after what had been called a 100-year flood. The rain storm dropped well over 3 1/2 inches of rain. In the hamlet of North, South Carolina, on the edge of the Low Country just south of Columbia, a microburst toppled 40 trees onto homes and vehicles during the flood.

UMVIM emergency response teams came in from Georgia and North Carolina after the storm to begin stabilizing the damaged structures and assess damage. Over 40 United Methodist churches were flooded.

Starting late in 2015, teams came in to continue mucking out the damage and begin the repair work. By that time, United Methodist volunteers had already contributed 12,000 hours of their time. Our team hopes to add to that recovery total.

The United Methodist connection makes this effort possible. Over 7,000 cleaning buckets and over 2,000 health kits had been distributed as of June 2016. Through UMCOR, more than \$500,000 in donations had been received by that time.

South Carolina is far from the only place where VIM teams are working, supported by UMCOR. Locations include Detroit (2014 flood), the Mississippi Delta area and St. Louis (March 2016 flood), and numerous locations in Virginia (February 2016 tornadoes). Work also continues in New Jersey for Superstorm Sandy recovery, where LUMC teams have gone three times, and in Fort Plain, Herkimer, and Oneida, New York, which have been struck by several floods. UMCOR will soon be working in Alabama and Georgia.

LUMC's Adult Mission team always welcomes new members, but if time does not permit, you can also make a donation to UMCOR for disaster recovery. Every dime of every donation goes to its intended purpose. There is no "overhead cost." The easiest way to donate is to write a check to LUMC and put UMCOR disaster response on your memo line. You can also pick a particular project or area. Indiana and West Virginia are still working to organize their volunteer response, for example. Or you can also support the UMC emergency supply depots, Sager-Brown, in Louisiana, and UMCOR-West, in Salt Lake City. The depots also welcome volunteers to assemble, verify, and distribute emergency kits and supplies.

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YOUTH MISSION SWEETHEART DINNER

FEBRUARY 11

5:00 TO 7:30

AT ALL SAINTS RC CHURCH

FIRST MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA

FEBRUARY 17-24

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